

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1995 (PCC)

*Ginny King-ich*



1995 - Earned a Certificate of Achievement degree in Business Accounting. A homemaker for several years after graduation. A member of W.C.T.C staff for seven years. Currently a supervisor at Meyuns Mart. *Message: Study hard and pursue a degree in order to find a secure job.*

### Class of 1998 (PCC)

*Belem Florentino*



1998 - Earned a Certificate of Achievement degree in Business Accounting. A former teller of Melekeok Bank for ten years. Currently a teller for Palau Construction Bank for a year and five months. *Message: Do not give up. Continue to learn and work hard.*

### Class of 2005 (PCC)

*Flora Wasisang*



2005 - Earned an Associate of Arts degree in Elementary Education. A former elementary school teacher at Ibobang Elementary School for eight years. A former Assistant Herbarium Manager at Belau National Museum.

Currently a secretary for PCC Student Life & Housing. *Message: Invest in your education. We are the future investments of Palau.*

**Alumni Notes** showcases MOC & PCC alumni who contribute to the quality of life in their local communities and are positive role models. If you are that alumnus/alumna or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471. We would like to feature you in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

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### Celebrating Birthdays



Happy Birthday To You!

## Students Retreat, from page 2

their presentation was a DVD showing medical effects of alcohol abuse and dependence. Students were given a chance to ask questions and also answer trivia questions.

Students from Yap, Chuuk, and Pohnpei were able to show off several of their traditional stick dances. Following the dance performances was a talk session on the traditional role of a Palauan young man by one of the chiefs in Ngaremlengui, Ucherrutechei (Wataru Elbelau). He spoke in Palauan while Ephraim translated in English. The Chief began to elaborate on how young men should behave in their communities, especially in Ngaremlengui. In addition, he touched on the process of being in love with a young woman and gradually becoming her husband. He also explained about cross-cultural marriages – where a native Palauan male/female marries a non-native partner – a topic that got the students' attention. Moreover, the Chief talked about how the young Palauan men are disciplined when they violate traditional laws.

On Saturday, the students assisted the Governor's crew and volunteers with the preparation for the State's Thanksgiving Day celebration. There were songs and dances and even raffle drawing. A number of the guys won prizes too. Student dancers from Yap did a couple of traditional dances to complement the dancing entertainment for the crowd. They even received cash gifts as token of appreciation from the community leaders in Ngaremlengui.

Counselor Recheiungel, joined the students and other staff, and thanked Governor Ongos and the community for their accommodation and for providing the food. The famous "You Never Know" delicatessen turned out to be the event's favorite dish.

All in all, the male dorm residents had a good experience from the retreat this year. Based on their comments, it was like a breath of fresh air and a meaningful learning experience.

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## Waseda University Student Visits PCC

A Waseda University student, Kazuki Kawa visited the college. On Nov. 22, Kawa met with Dean Edward and ASPCC president Jewish Ngirakelau.



Edward, Kawa, & Ngirakelau.

As manager of the international affairs dept. of the University Students Chamber (UNISC), Kawa works to promote international cultural exchanges between students around the world. He and his colleagues became interested in Palau through an encounter with a staff member of Palau Embassy.

**The End-of-the-Year Gathering**  
Dec. 29th, Wednesday  
@ PCC Courtyard

10:00 a.m. - Filing Tax Refund Forms  
11:30 noon - Raffle

Come & Join Us Celebrate Our Accomplishment w/ lots of PRIZES

### Vacancy Announcement

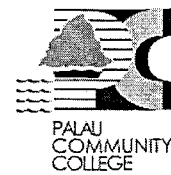
- (1) Computer Technician, Computer Services Office  
Salary range: \$12,049 - 20,607 per annum
- (2) Director, Human Resources Office  
Salary range: \$18,730 - 28,833 per annum
- (3) Director, Finance  
Salary range: \$18,730 - 28,833 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Karen Mober at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/771, ext. 227.

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# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## CRE Outreach at Peleliu



(front) Beverly Blunt. (1st l-r) Reiko Kubarai, Dimgerkelau Singeo, Mayumi Remeliik, Mayumi Shinozuka, Martha Giramur. (2nd l-r) Dr. Lydia Marero, Gwen Williams, Evelyn Iyar, Maria Reynold, Mariana Postol, Dalton Thomas, Pres. Tellei. (3rd row standing up l-r) Elma Rekekel, Kayran Ongiil, Emerald Oyama, Tomoko Ichihashi, Chief Obak Isao Singeo, Governor K. Uchau. (standing up 4th l-r) Speaker Charles D. Matsutaro, PCC-CRE VP Taro, Ella Jones, Asia Sowad, Sunshine Hilbert, & Paula Remeliik.

## March Follow Up Report 1st Draft Presentations

In July of this year, President Tellei created a standing committee to take charge of the four recommendations that need to be addressed in compliance with AC-CJC (Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges) standards. The 2011 Follow Up Self Study Steering Committee, composed of 16 members including two college accreditation liaison officers and a recorder, was tasked with the responsibility to address the specific recommendations in preparation for the Follow Up report in March. After working around a time line calendar of self-reflective dialogue in numerous meetings,

the four subcommittee chairpersons finally prepared their first draft reports for presentation to President Tellei and the Executive Committee in a series of meetings. The 2nd draft report is due in mid-December, the 3rd draft in mid-January 2011 and the final report in mid-February 2011.

The reporting process in a participatory dialogue will of course continue throughout the preparation of the report. This will ensure a common understanding of the needed improvements to be addressed within the context of integrated planning, resource allocation, budgeting, and assessment.

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**Dec. 29 Wednesday - End-of-the-Year Gathering in Appreciation for Bi-Weekly Allotment Donors**

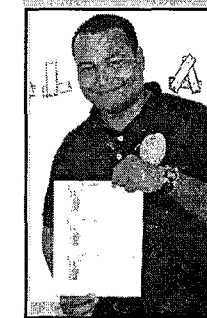
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The Palau Community College- Cooperative Research and Extension (PCC-CRE) is certainly moving at high speed in reaching out to interested individuals and/or groups of people all over Palau to enhance culinary knowledge and skills using the available local food resources. From November 15 to November 27, CRE resource staff – Dr. Lydia Marero (Researcher-Food Technologist) and Dalton Thomas (Research Assistant), were in Peleliu, conducting a food technology class to nineteen participants at the Old Age Center from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the evening every day.

The graduation ceremony was held on Nov. 28 in the presence of Chief Obak Isao Singeo, Gov. Uchau, Speaker Charles D. Matsutaro, CRE VP Taro, PCC President Tellei, and guests.

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## 1st GI Bill Recipient



Kotaro.

Korhonen E. Kotaro, the first post-911 GI Bill recipient, continues his educational pursuits at PCC in Electrical Technology. He is currently a sophomore and plans to change his major to Criminal Justice since he is working under

the Ministry of Justice.

PCC, as an eligible institution since 2004 and recertified in 2008 for another four years, offers the GI Bill financial assistance to pay for college tuition, fees, and

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## Dorm Male Students Retreat at Ngaremlengui

Contributed by Student Life & Housing



Dorm male students.

Pres. Tellei and Student Life & Housing extend deep appreciation to Gov. Ongos, Ngaremlengui Youth, and Ngaremlengui State community for the generosity of accommodating the students' retreat at Ngaremlengui.

On November 26-27, 2010, the dorm male students held a retreat at Ngaremlengui. According to Dorm Manager Ngirachitei, the theme of this activity centered on "Awareness of Traditional Values & the Role of Youth Discipline."

Director Ngiralmu, Dorm Manager Ngirachitei, Counselor Recheiungel, Rodson Ruben, and Sesario Sewralur (Non-Instrument Navigation Instructor) accompanied the students on this awesome learning encounter with a local community.

There were presentations from BEDO-CHEL group with Alex Ngiraingas and two staff on Alcohol and Other Drugs use, abuse, and dependence. Another part of

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## Human Resources Office Creates Mission Statement

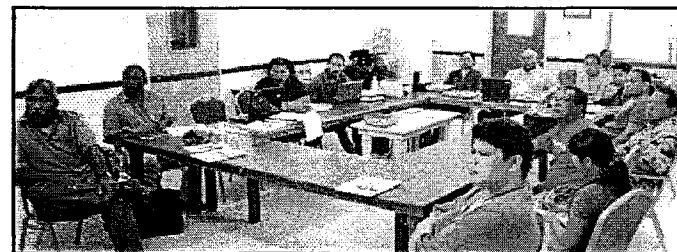
Contributed by Human Resources Office

The Human Resources Office under VP Olegeriil, Administration & Finance Department, has created a mission statement in line with program review recommendations.

Human Resources is a strategic partner with faculty and staff of PCC to identify and respond to its dynamic

needs. Human Resources will take the lead in providing effective programs by recruiting, hiring, and providing development opportunities for its well qualified personnel. Human Resources promotes open communication, cooperation, and serves to provide guidance and advice to PCC personnel.

## March Follow Up Report, from page 1



Subcommittee for Recommendation #1. Chair Rechebei, Co-Chair Edward, & Co-Chair Timarong.



Subcommittee for Recommendation #2. Chair Daniel, Co-Chair Mangham, & Librarian Brooks.



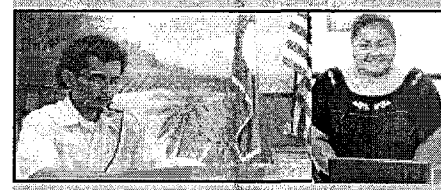
Subcommittee for Recommendation #3. Chair Belelai, Co-Chair Olegeriil, & Co-Chair Mobil.



Subcommittee for Recommendation #4. Chair Tadao, Co-Chair Ngiramengior, Co-Chair Ngirachitei.

## Phi Theta Kappa

On November 19, 2010, Phi Theta Kappa, an International Honor Society - Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter, had an induction ceremony of new officers and members at 12:00 noon at Assembly Hall. The new inductees included Dante C. Rengiil (President), Desiree J. Seklii (Vice President), Jade N. Cruz (Secretary), Joannie D. Marvin (Treasurer), Cody T. Aichi, Liliwokalani Akemij, Sweety S. Kalbesang, Katherine Masang, Volette S. Polloi, Klerang K. Recheked, Donna-Rhia Rieng, Yvonne Ruluked, Jamal B. Tewid, and Lasker Chin.



## BITS AND PIECES...

### ADULT HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

2011 Airai Spring Semester  
PCC Adult High School at Airai State to begin in January 2011

Contact the following persons to register for the program.  
Laura Mangham 488-0826  
Hedrick Kual @ 488-2471 ext. 267  
Debolynne Anurang @ 587-3511

### Graduates for Fall 2010 & Spring

Stop by the Office of Registrar & Records and complete your application for graduation. Deadline is December 20, 2010 for Fall 2010  
Prospective Graduates

### Internship Applications

#### Spring Semester 2011

Pick up application forms during working hours, Monday-Friday

Deadline of submission of completed applications is Friday, December 23, 2010

### Wanted

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/ articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and electronic copies to alvinam@palau.edu and/or dilubch.

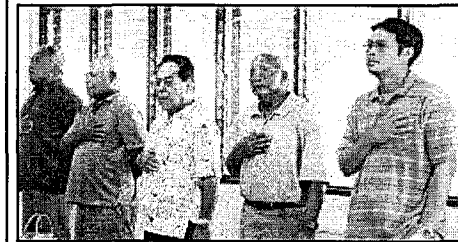
Please call ext. 251/253 if you intend to submit your article after Monday.

## PTHSE to Open in Spring 2011



The Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence (PTHSE) building, a collaborative effort of Belau Tourism Association, the Ministry of Education, and Palau Community College, will open in Spring 2011. The school will provide an authentic setting for learners to learn - to listen - to express - to create - to experiment - and to engage in numerous industry-based projects that support and enhance career growth. The first floor includes a commercial kitchen, restaurant, bar, and an alfresco area. The second floor will accommodate a mock hotel suite, reception and concierge areas, and two classrooms.

## CRE Outreach, from page 1



Pres. Tellei, VP Taro, Chief Obak, Gov. Uchau, & Speaker Matsutaro.

During the two-week course, the class prepared about fifty dishes using taro, tapioca, bananas, coconut, and fish. The class even identified the favorite foods among the numerous dishes like taro chowder, taro turnover, taro salad, and tapioca sushi. The hands-on learning experience was an added plus to the Peleliu community for the participants are now able to provide many selection of dishes for the household, marketable purposes and visiting tourists.

The PCC-CRE outreach program, one of many extension activities, serves all the states of Palau to address the food security and upgrade the family household and the local economy.

CRE opens doors of looking at local food resources with new eyes, new tastes, and new ways of creating healthful and tasty dishes. Any group of 15-20 people is most welcome to tap this free learning resource. PCC-CRE is willing to come to your community. Call Thomas Taro at 488-2746 and/or 488-2470/2471, fax number 488-3307, or e-mail tarothomas@yahoo.com.

## CRE & AHS

Once again, Adult High School taps outside-the-classroom expertise to enhance learning opportunities. Hedrick Kual of Adult High School, working with Leilani Rechelluul, CRE extension agent, coordinated a presentation last month on a topic titled *Water is Life, Water Takes Lives*. This seminar would be one of several speaking engagements this year.



Rechelluul, Kual, & AHS students.

## GI Bill, from page 1

room and board for retired or honorably discharged US military personnel. The GI Bill, one of the benefits for military veterans under the Veterans Administration (VA) program, aims to assist retired or former military personnel to obtain a degree at affordable costs after a career with the military. For more information about the GI Bill and/or other educational financial assistance available at Palau Community College, contact Director Dahlia M. Katosang at Admissions & Financial Aid, 488-2471 ext. 234.